

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of North Carolina

United States of America

v.

MICHAEL DWAYNE HOWELL, a/k/a "Black"

Date of Previous Judgment: April 17, 2007

(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Applicable)

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Case No: 5:05CR235-10

USM No: 21516-058

Randolph Lee

Defendant's Attorney

Order Regarding Motion for Sentence Reduction Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)

Upon motion of ☒ the defendant ☐ the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ☐ the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is:

☒ DENIED. ☐ GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of _____ months **is reduced to** _____.

I. COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE (Prior to Any Departures)

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| Previous Offense Level: | <u>33</u> | Amended Offense Level: | <u>31</u> |
| Criminal History Category: | <u>III</u> | Criminal History Category: | <u>III</u> |
| Previous Guideline Range: | <u>240</u> to <u>293</u> months | Amended Guideline Range: | <u>240</u> to <u>240</u> months |

II. SENTENCE RELATIVE TO AMENDED GUIDELINE RANGE

- ☐ The reduced sentence is within the amended guideline range.
- ☐ The previous term of imprisonment imposed was less than the guideline range applicable to the defendant at the time of sentencing as a result of a departure or Rule 35 reduction, and the reduced sentence is comparably less than the amended guideline range.
- ☒ Other (explain): No reduction as the guideline range remains unchanged due to the mandatory statutory minimum sentence. Note: the previous guideline range of 240 to 293 months from an offense level of 33 and a criminal history category of III is incorrect (it should be 240 months).

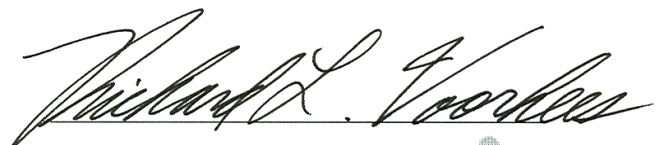
III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Except as provided above, all provisions of the judgment dated April 17, 2007, shall remain in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Order Date: January 12, 2010

Effective Date: January 12, 2010
(if different from order date)



Richard L. Voorhees
United States District Judge

